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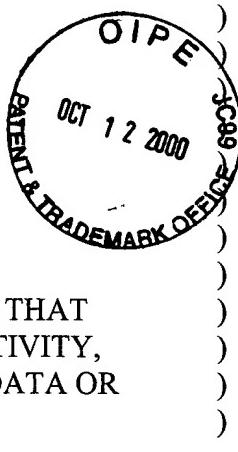
In re Application of:

John TANG et al.

Serial No.: 08/885,597

Filed: June 30, 1997

For: ANIMATED INDICATORS THAT  
REFLECT FUNCTION, ACTIVITY,  
OR STATE OF OBJECTS, DATA OR  
PROCESSES



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Sub E1~~  
Please add claim 32, as follows:

32. A process for reflecting a state of a software container having objects, comprising:

cyclically displaying a series of frames reflecting a state of the container as an animated sequence;

detecting an event reflecting a change in the state of the container, wherein the container is a web page related to user discussion;

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